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SUBJ: GOP HOPES POLITICS BAN WILL PROVIDE COOLING-OFF PERIOD

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1. GOP SECRETARY OF INFORMATION BRIEFED THE PRESS MARCH 1
ON THE RATIONALE BEHIND MARTIAL LAW ORDER # 33, WHICH BANS
ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNTIL MARCH 31 (REFTEL). ACCORDING
TO THE SECRETARY, THE ORDER WAS ISSUED TO "PROVIDE A TEMPORARY
JOLT AND ALLOW TEMPERS TO COOL". THE GOP DECIDED THAT POLI-
TICIANS HAD "TAKEN ADVANTAGE" OF EVEN THE LIMITED POLITICAL
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ACTIVITY PERMITTED BY THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION.

2. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT RECENT DISTURBANCES IN SIND
AND ELSEWHERE HAD BEEN "USED FOR POLITICAL ENDS", AND
THAT THE GOP HAD REPORTS THAT MORE ATTEMPTS WERE TO BE
MADE TO "DISRUPT LAW AND ORDER".

3. THE BAN WILL NOT AFFECT A SCHEDULED MARCH 4 MEETING
WHEN THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR (CMLA) WILL
BRIEF POLITICAL LEADERS ON "SOME ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL
ECONOMY".
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